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In re Appln. of: **Bjarne L. Christensen et al.**

Appln. No.: **10/536,535**

Filed: **May 26, 2005**

For: **CONNECTING PIECE FOR A TUBING**

Attorney Docket No: **12706-21**

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (five sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References submitted that are not in the English language include an English language abstract or a translation of the entire patent. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's

consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

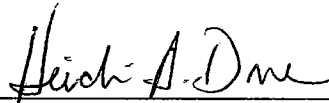
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Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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